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Gas Chromatograph Apparatus Containing An Auxillary Oven		

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 16, 2004. Please enter the following remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is also submitted with this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.